



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 23, 2000

H.R. 4446

A bill to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Commerce on May 17, 2000

H.R. 4446 would clarify that the Secretary of Energy has the authority to enforce penalties for nuclear safety violations under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, and Health. (The Price-Anderson Act provides a framework for resolving liability issues in the event of an accident involving nuclear materials.) Because the bill would not change current practice, CBO estimates that H.R. 4446 would have no effect on the federal budget. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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